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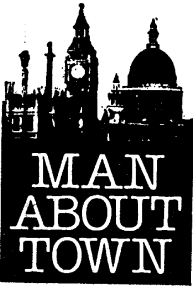


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A Cabinet handbook on murder

by James Hughes-Onslow

A PRESS release from the Cabinet office headed Control of Quangos has arrived on my desk announcing "a new Government guide on how to manage a quango." I resisted the temptation to ring Poyles bookshop and ask for books on pets, or event pests and instead shelled out £5.40 at HMSO for my copy of Non-Departmental Public Bodies, a guide for departments but on reflection the idea is not as daft as it sounds. The tenor of the book is that you feed your quango with money and paper as long as it does what you tell it. If it gets out of hand you begin to starve it, then knock it on the head and finally strangle it if it is not already too big for you.

No trace

The Cabinet office's last effort, a slimmer volume published in 1981, was a great success. About 240 quangos were exterminated or drastically thinned down shortly afterwards and 440 more have passed away since then. Quasi Autonomous Non-Governmental Organisations are of course no longer called quangos. This might sound too interesting. There is no trace of this word in the new 106-page book. Quangos are called NDPBs or Public Bodies but more often just Bodies. For example, "what relationship does the body have with other bodies of a similar type in the same field?" Or, "in the case of a body which has its own legal personality, the status of a body will depend first on its constitution." On page 52 there is a section "Powers and functions of the Body", which asks "do these functions match the arrangement under which the body was established?" And "are there any statutory constraints on the body's activities?"

Rewarded

One man who will be delighted by it is the Tory MP Sir Philip Holland, a distinguished quango baiter. He wrote five books on quangos between 1978 and 1982 before he was rewarded with a knighthood in 1983. The book relates how in November last year Sir Philip asked the Prime Minister in the House of Commons whether it remained her policy to keep public bodies under tight control. Mrs Thatcher said yes, public bodies would be kept under scrutiny, and she would resist pressure for new bodies. "Since 1979 we have wound up or substantially reduced the expenditure of nearly 700 such bodies, saving some £118 million a year," she said. "But there is more to be done." I trust Sir Philip will not let his copy of this dismal treatise rest in his hand.

Leoni: Essex caravan site clue

THE HUNT for the killer of three-year-old London girl Leoni Keating today switched to a caravan site in Clacton.

The move came after a young West London mother, Mrs Paula Greenwood, told police a man matching her description of Leoni's murderer met her five-year-old daughter at a swimming pool this summer, walked back to her caravan and then fled when he realised her mother was in the caravan.

Mrs Greenwood believes the man was staying at another caravan at the Point Clear Holiday Camp on his own and that he had a white van, possibly a Ford.

"A team of police officers from Essex are now at the site of Clacton," said Det. Chief Insp Terry Abrahams. "Our immediate priority is to identify the caravan he was staying at."

Keighley police dive for car

POLICE hunting for missing schoolgirl Keighley Barton are planning to search the Royal Victoria Dock in East London.

Detectives believe a car they have been looking for since Keighley disappeared in August could have been dumped there.

Police underwater diving teams are now planning the search, which could take at least six weeks. They will use high-technology equipment borrowed from the Royal Navy and may

have Navy teams to back them up.

Police want to find a blue Peugeot 504 estate car, registration number KLT 856P, which they say is vital to the search for 14-year-old Keighley, who vanished from her home in Sebert Road, Forest Gate, on August 10.

Keighley's stepfather, 45-year-old Ronald Barton, has been charged with abducting the girl.



JULIE WICKINGS:
She only had £2.

Policeman's daughter vanishes

A NATIONWIDE hunt was under way today for the teenage daughter of a police constable, missing from home for 22 days.

As police forces were alerted to look out for 15-year-old Julie Wickings, her worried father, Paul, said: "She's a sensitive girl and I cannot believe she would put us, willingly, through this worry."

Julie, from Witney, Oxon, was last seen getting off a bus at Oxford city centre at 7 am three weeks ago.

We appeal to anyone who knows of her whereabouts to contact us or her parents to let us know she is safe."

British welcome for boat people

by Peter Gavan

BRITAIN is to open its doors to 500 more Vietnamese boat people trapped in prison-like refugee camps in South-East Asia.

They are all relatives of the 19,000-strong Vietnamese community already settled in this country, which is to extend for a further year until March, 1988.

The Government said it

hoped this decision would encourage other resettlement countries to take additional numbers. If it did, Britain might take a further 10,000.

A cash injection of £130,000 a year was also announced for the voluntary agency's Vietnamese programme in this country, which is to be extended for a further year until March, 1988.

Ministers rejected demands from MPs on the Home Affairs

Selection Committee that the camps should be abolished.

About 6000 boat people are housed by them, and the refugees are subject to strict discipline, overcrowding and are not allowed to work.

MPs condemned the camps as "a considerable stain on Britain's humanitarian reputation."

But a Home Office spokesman said: "This policy is the most humane means of

discouraging further large-scale arrivals of refugees from Vietnam and has been effective in achieving this end."

He added: "If the closed camps were abolished, the likely consequence would be that Hongkong would again become a magnet for people from Vietnam—as it was between 1979 and 1981, causing an unacceptable and unmanageable rise in the population of the camps."

Extra £1m for fight to control AIDS

by Alan Massam

THE Government is to spend a further £1,000,000 on the fight against the killer disease AIDS.

It will be used mainly to boost the treatment and counselling centres at the London teaching hospitals which are carrying the main burden in the measures to control the spread of the virus.

This announcement — confirming the Government's concern about the spread of the disease — came today from Health Minister Mr Barney Hayhoe.

"AIDS is a very serious disease," he said. "Although the number of cases in this country is still small — by the end of August, 206 patients had been confirmed as AIDS cases of whom 114 had died — we know that the number of new cases is bound to increase steadily over the next few years."

"Some 10,000 people may already have been exposed to the virus, but only a small proportion of these have so far developed clinical AIDS. "It is vital to do all we can

to control the further spread of the disease and to help those who have already been exposed to the virus."

Mr Hayhoe said that Britain had the benefit of learning from the experience of the United States where more than 12,000 fully-developed AIDS cases had now occurred. Knowledge of the disease was progressing rapidly. Much had already been achieved, but much remained to be done.

In the absence of a cure for AIDS or a vaccine which protected against the virus, all precautions must be taken in the light of current knowledge and experience.

Mr Hayhoe said the Department of Health and Social Security had already allocated £1,000,000 towards combating the disease and this was additional to resources committed by health authorities themselves.

"We will be providing a further £1,000,000 this year," he said. "Part of this will be used to help the three Thames regions who are carrying the heaviest AIDS burden to provide treatment and counselling to those exposed to the infection."

NALGO quits crisis talks

DELEGATES from the white collar union NALGO walked out of crisis talks in Liverpool today after 30 minutes as an inter-union split deepened. The meeting of joint city council shop stewards was discussing a plan to issue 90-day redundancy notices to the city council's 31,000-strong workforce as it faces the prospect of running out of money.

Travel firms call it a day

THIRTY-SIX package holiday firms have thrown in the towel after one of the most dismal summers in the industry's history.

The drop-outs are small operators who have not applied to renew their air travel organisers' licences in time for last night's deadline.

TODAY'S BINGO NUMBERS

THESE are the competition numbers in today's national newspapers.

THE MIRROR.—Game 148: 50, 60, 4, 19, 55, 6, 2.

THE SUN.—Game 229: 68, 32, 56, 23, 67, 82, 30.

THE STAR.—Game 13: 90, 27, 89, 54, 76, 6, 56, 43.

ALL CHANGE FOR THE MOUNTAINS



On Thursday 3rd October, Lillywhites, in association with TWA and the American Express Ski USA Programme, are your hosts for a dazzling Ski Fashion Show featuring the crème de la crème of the new season's ski and winter leisurewear.

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